

REMARKS

Initially, Applicant expresses appreciation to the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the recent in person interview. The amendments made by this paper are consistent with the proposals presented during the interview and which appeared to overcome the rejections of record.

The Non-Final Office Action, mailed September 2, 2008, considered claims 9-13, 15-23, and 25-32. Claims 9-13, 15-23, and 25-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as failing to meet the written description requirement. These claims were otherwise indicated as being allowable over the prior art. Additionally, the specification was objected to because of amendments made to paragraphs [0051] and [0053] in the previous response.

By this paper, claims 9 and 19 have been amended and the Specification has been amended in paragraphs [0051] and [0053] to overcome the rejections of record. In particular, it is noted that the claims and the Specification have been amended to clarify that the tunnel key is derived by hashing the concatenation of the Diffie-Hellman shared secret (e.g., session key 131) together with the client and server nonces. This embodiment, which is supported by the original disclosure in the application, supports the written description requirement without adding new matter to the application.

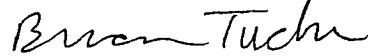
In view of the foregoing amendments, as discussed during the interview, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the rejections of record are now moot and such that the application is now ready for allowance.

In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at 801-533-9800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any of the following fees that may be applicable to this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-3178: (1) any filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16; (2) any patent application and reexamination processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17; and/or (3) any post issuance fees under 37 CFR § 1.20. In addition, if any additional extension of time is required, which has not otherwise been requested, please consider this a petition therefore and charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

Dated this 2nd day of December, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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